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# RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants submit the following response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 3, 2005.

Applicants have been required to restrict the present application to one of Groups I-III. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-5.

Additionally, prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows.

The sections of this Amendment are organized as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS begin on page 4 of this paper.